

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, line 9, please add the following three paragraphs:

Figure 3 is a schematic view of a polarizing plate comprising a polarizer having two portions according to the present invention.

Figure 4 is a schematic view of another polarizing plate comprising a polarizer having two portions according to the present invention.

Figure 5 is a schematic view of a polarizing plate according to the present invention laminated with another optical element.

Page 4, line 17, please add the following paragraph:

In the polarizing plates 1 according to the present invention shown on Figures 3-4, the polarizing plate comprises a polarizer 2 having a polarizer portion 2a with high polarization performance in a short wavelength region and a polarizer portion 2b with high polarization performance in a long wavelength region.

Page 4, line 36, please add the following paragraph:

In the polarizing plate of Fig. 3, transparent protective films 3 and 4 are adhered to the polarizer 2 via adhesive layers 5 and 6.

Page 5, line 15, please add the following paragraph:

For example, polarizer portions 2a and 2b are laminated directly in the embodiment of Fig. 3 and by adhesive layer 7 in the embodiment of Fig. 4.

Page 7, line 35, please add the following paragraph:

This is illustrated in Fig. 5, which shows a polarizing plate 1 according to the present invention laminated to another optical layer 8. Figure 5 also shows an adhesive layer 9 covered by a separator 10.